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Declaration and Power of Attorney

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled MAINTENANCE SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AN OPTICAL SWITCH FABRIC the specification of which (check one) ☒ is attached hereto. x was filed on June 19, 2001, as Application Serial No. 09/884,369 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

NONE

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Prior United States Application(s)

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under ' 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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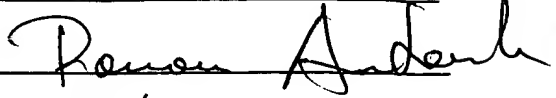
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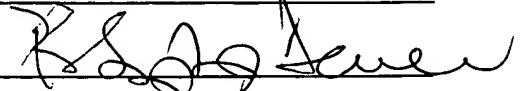
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